

THE WEATHER:  
Fair tonight and continued cool. Sunday fair and slightly warmer. Temperature at 8 a. m., 45 degrees. Normal temperature on September 21 for the last 30 years, 67 degrees.

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## BRITISH SMASH AHEAD ON THREE-MILE FRONT FRENCH CAPTURE BENAY, KEY TO ST. QUENTIN

### VIRGINIA SEEKS TO EXTRADITE BEN RUBIN AS GIRL'S SLAYER

Despite the fact that those examining Ben Rubin, the confessed murderer of Eva Roy, think he is mentally unbalanced and seeking notoriety, the Fairfax county authorities will ask for his extradition from the District to Virginia.

Commonwealth Attorney Vernon C. Ford sent Detective Payne, his personal representative, to examine the escaped convict from Lorton reformatory, but he, like others investigating the case, was undecided as to whether the prisoner was the right man.

The Commonwealth attorney has asked that a typewritten copy of questions and answers during the several examinations be sent him at once.

**Tried To End Life.**  
"You tried to commit suicide when you were arrested for house breaking in cutting an artery at the First precinct police station, and now that you are arrested for escaping from the Lorton reformatory and for attacking a child, you want to die by electrocution—make a hero of yourself. Is that right?" Inspector Grant, chief of detectives, said to Rubin, who did not answer.

To the pointed question as to his purpose in committing the crime he made no reply.

Although opinion is divided as to whether the man is the one who murdered little Eva Roy on August 6, many of those connected with the prosecution believe that in holding to the same story through so many examinations Rubin convicted himself as the real murderer of the girl.

Rubin was arrested by Detective W. B. Thompson. On the way to the station the police driver jokingly told Rubin that he would be charged with the murder of Eva Roy, and the prisoner, who escaped from the reformatory on July 18, replied: "How do you know I didn't do it?"

Later he openly declared he was guilty of the Virginia murder. He escaped from Lorton jail with Buford Tucker, another prisoner, and after separating from his "pal" he came to Washington. He lived here a short while, but fearing the police, went back to Virginia.

In the woods on August 6, he met Eva Roy, he says, looking after her father's cows. He asked her for food.

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### ONE XMAS PRESENT ALLOWED EACH YANK

After wrestling for more than two months with the problem of Christmas gifts for soldiers, the War Department announced today that each member of the overseas force might receive just one package from home. As late as yesterday officials of the department indicated that because of the lack of shipping space and the congestion of the mail service, it would be necessary to rule against sending parcels to Pershing's men, and the decision to allow just one for each, under certain restrictions, was said to be a compromise between those who favored unlimited Yuletide shipments for the Yanks and those who believed that the best policy would be to limit remembrances to postcard greetings and special letters.

Announcement that the latter policy probably would be adopted resulted in an avalanche of protests to the War Department, with the result that the "one-package schedule" was officially adopted.

In order to insure delivery of the gifts to the soldiers on Christmas Day, the packages must be mailed on or before November 15. Packages must be shipped in standard containers, which will be supplied upon application to the local Red Cross chapters. It is stated. Only one package, however, may be sent to any individual.

To insure this rule being followed, a coupon bearing the name and correct address of each soldier now serving in France will be sent over by General Pershing. The coupon will entitle the sender here at home to mail one package.

### INFLUENZA CLAIMS VICTIM IN CAPITAL

Outbreak of "Spanish" influenza among Washington's civilian population was revealed today when the first fatal case had been reported to the District Health Office. Every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread of the malady, and warning is given against undue alarm.

The first District man to succumb to the disease is John W. Clure, twenty-four years old, of 1103 Florida avenue northeast. No additional cases have been reported.

Clure is believed to have contracted the malady while visiting in New York. He returned from a week's vacation in that city Tuesday, and resumed his work as a freight brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. He was very ill on Thursday and he remained at home.

**Dies at Hospital.**  
The patient was taken to Sibley Hospital last night. He died early this morning. District Health Officer Fowler stated that establishment of quarantine at Clure's home was not necessary.

Clure had been a resident of Washington for twelve years, coming here from Culpeper, Va. He is survived by a daughter, Margaret Clure; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Clure, of Culpeper, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Margaret J. Verherst, and a brother, Thomas Clure.

Inspectors from the health office visited Clure and Mrs. Arthur Henne, of 1365 Eighteenth street northwest, yesterday. The couple returned from New York Monday and manifested symptoms of the malady.

**Laboratory Tests.**  
Examination failed to establish a positive diagnosis, according to Dr. Fowler. Laboratory tests are being made today to clear up any doubts as to the presence of the causative germ. The positive identification of the germ by Philadelphia scientists will aid local officials in their campaign to combat the ailment.

Medical corps men believed they had the epidemic at Camp Humphreys under control today. Twelve cases were reported among the soldiers.

Dr. Fowler had advised Washington residents who suspect symptoms of the

### TO RID SHIPYARDS OF DRAFT EVADERS

Provost Marshal General Crowder will act promptly to rid American shipyards of draft evaders and slacker workers.

On the heels of a walk-out of workers at the great Cramp yards, Philadelphia—a protest against employment in "easy jobs" of pugilists, ball players, actors, and others in shipbuilding work—the provost marshal general today issued new regulations covering this and similar situations in other yards.

These will be immediately enforced. The regulations recently suspended, to compel a monthly report on the essentiality of any workman in the shipyards, probably will be restored. In addition, it was stated officially today that all requests for exemption or deferred classification for military service have been withdrawn. This action was effective September 13, but publicity was given the move only today.

### TWO ENEMY SHIPS ON DVINA SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Sinking of two enemy ships on the Dvina river, in northern Russia, was reported in the British Russian official communique today.

"Sunday and Monday allied naval forces sank two enemy ships on the Dvina river, captured three guns, and inflicted heavy losses," the statement said.

### EXPECT 25 MILLION LOAN SUBSCRIBERS

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today expressed his belief that 25,000,000 patriots will become subscribers to the forthcoming fourth Liberty loan. In round numbers, there were 18,300,000 subscribers to the third loan.

Industrial concerns whose employees up to 75 per cent are subscribers to the forthcoming fourth Liberty loan will receive "honor flags" from the Treasury Department.

### PLAGUE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Spanish influenza has invaded Chicago, and army training students at Lewis Institute, in consequence, are now under quarantine. It is believed the epidemic here was started by the mingling of some of the men at social functions which Great Lakes Jackies attended.

At Lake Forest College and Northwestern University more than 100 girl victims are reported. There are sixty cases reported at Fort Sheridan, and Wilmette, a north shore suburb, reports fifty.

Army, Federal, and local authorities are co-operating in the fight against the malady.

### QUARANTINE AT CAMP

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 21.—As the result of an epidemic of Spanish influenza through entire regiments of infantry, six in Camp Gordon and a number of smaller organizations are in quarantine today.

Camp officers are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the malady.

While no definite information is at hand, it is stated that the number of new cases of the disease are increasing.

### NAVY STAFF RANK BASED ON MERIT

For the first time in the history of the navy, promotions in a staff corps have been made by a selection board which has endeavored to pick the fittest men for the higher ranks, regardless of seniority in line of service, according to a copyrighted dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger today.

This will affect hundreds of naval officers now on duty in Washington.

The pay corps of the navy has led the way in the new staff order. There have been individual selections in the past for the post of paymaster general in which the rule of seniority was ignored.

The present paymaster general, Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, was chosen in that way, but now promotion by selection has been applied all the way down the list from temporary rear admiral to temporary commander.

The selection order extends however, beyond the temporary grades, for in the list of promotions announced, five men are placed on the lists as permanent commanders.

The corresponding reported that the announced begin with a man who was twenty-third on the list and the quintet concludes with an officer who was seventy-second on the list of lieutenant commanders, which gives some idea of the "jump" made by the selection board.

### BERLIN REJECTS SPAIN'S PROPOSAL

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Germany has flatly rejected Spain's proposal for confederation of interested German ships to replace torpedoed Spanish vessels, according to the San Sebastian correspondent of the Times.

The Spanish cabinet has fully determined on a course of action, in which they will insist on their rights. Spain desires to remain neutral, but is afraid of no country.

### HELP WANTED—FEMALE DOMESTIC.

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The above ad secured a girl for Mrs. Bellak the first day it appeared. Domestic help is not hard to secure when you use Times' Want Ads.

Phone your ads. Main 5260.

### 1,750,000 HAVE EMBARKED FOR "OVER THERE" MARCH SAYS

More than 1,750,000 American troops have embarked for "over there," Chief of Staff March announced today. This is 150,000 more than his last announcement carried.

This fact, given at his weekly press conference, supplemented his declaration that the news from all fronts during the past week "has been continuously and continually good."

He located the American forces in the St. Mihiel sector as now ten miles distant from Metz and a similar distance from Conflans, an important strategic and railroad point, west of Metz.

**Lorraine Line Holds.**  
The Lorraine line has been quickly stabilized, he said, and the week has seen only patrol action, aerial observations, and artillery firing there.

As for the British situation, March confirmed the capture of more than 15,000 prisoners in the Cambrai-St. Quentin district and noted steady progress, despite strong counter attacks. The enemy, he said, has lost heavily. St. Quentin is now only three miles distant from Haig's forces.

Press reports as to the Balkan drive were confirmed. No reports were available from the Palestine operations, but General March admitted that Baku, on the Caspian sea, is again in Turkish hands.

**Led By Clemenceau.**  
A telegram concerning the St. Mihiel actions showed that the son of Prime Minister Clemenceau of France led the first troops entering St. Mihiel, composed of Jeunes, Colonial and laboring classes.

March paid tribute to the French fighting spirit in that offensive, saying it was of the same high character as the French always have shown.

An order of the day from Gen. H. L. Reed, of the Fifteenth Scottish division gave thanks and praise to the First Artillery Brigade of the First American Division for aid in the Marne offensive.

**Locates New Troops.**  
In answer to specific questions, March located the 11th Engineers Thirty-ninth Division, as recently landed; the Ninetieth Division as in the Vosges, and the Thirty-sixth in a training sector with the French.

Capt. Augustus McComb has succeeded the late Colonel Cannon at Camp Green, N. C. General March announced.

War Department reports fail to show that Americans are being massacred or abused by Bolsheviks. Quite the contrary is indicated by some of the messages.

### AMERICAN PLANES TRANSPORT TROOPS

For the first time in history American soldiers have been transported from one camp to another by airplane.

This became known today with the announcement that eighteen enlisted men were taken from Chanute field, Rantoul, Ill., to the air training camp at Champaign, Ill., September 7.

The planes were piloted by officers and flew in formations of three, four, and five.

The trips were made without incident.

### BERLIN MONITOR BLOWS UP IN PORT

LONDON, Sept. 21.—A British monitor was sunk in a harbor Monday as the result of an internal explosion, the admiralty announced today. Twenty persons were killed and fifty-seven are missing.

### Gallant French Fighters Here Today To Visit President



Members of the famous French Foreign Legion, whose reckless bravery has won for every member of its unit decorations from France.

### BRITISH FIND LARGE ENEMY CEMETERIES

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 21.—The Australians have advanced north of St. Helen's, and are now within half a mile of the St. Quentin canal. This is the nearest point to the main defenses of the Hindenburg line which has been reached anywhere between Havrincourt and St. Quentin.

The villages of Holnon and Lempiere have been entirely cleared of the enemy.

In the Lys sector, 4,439 German graves were found in one cemetery. The earliest date was April 17, the last was August 28, revealing the wear and tear on the German army in the last four months on a small and comparatively quiet portion of the line.

The British, in their advance in the north, are finding many populous cemeteries beyond the Hindenburg lines.

### HUN AGENTS PLAN ENTENTE REVOLTS

Germany is sending Socialists into Switzerland in an effort to get into touch with French and Italian Socialists and to sow the seed of revolution in the two allied countries, according to reports from Switzerland today.

According to the reports, this move is a part of a new German propaganda to the effect that there are going to be revolutions in France and Italy, brought on by the Socialists, and that the allies, through these revolutions, will be robbed of the fruits of any military victories they may obtain.

This propaganda, being widely circulated, is having the effect in Germany of strengthening the determination of the people, it is stated.

### IRELAND NEAR DEATH

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 21.—Physicians in attendance on Archbishop John Ireland of the archdiocese of St. Paul admitted today that he is likely to recover. The aged prelate's condition became serious a few days ago, following his rally from death's door last spring, and it is believed his death is near.



CAPTAIN C. T. DE GERY  
Commander of the one hundred members of the French Foreign Legion who are here to aid in the Fourth Liberty Loan drive.

### FRENCH VETERANS INVADE CAPITAL

Foch's Legionnaires have invaded the capital.

Scarred by German shells and stained with mud of the Marne, a detachment of 110 French soldiers and twelve officers arrived from New York last night to participate in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

About sixty members of the detachment belong to the foreign legion and are fully equipped. The remainder of the men includes wounded soldiers and interpreters.

The detachment is in command of Capt. Chestnut de Gery, one of whose legs was amputated as a result of war wounds. Lieutenants Heritier and Ranellet are also with the detachment.

Starting from Liberty Hut, where they are making their headquarters during their stay in Washington, the gallant heroes of the four-year-war will make a tour of Washington, beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The soldiers will visit Mt. Vernon tomorrow afternoon and place a wreath on the tomb of Washington. Arrangements are being made for the foreign soldiers to be received by the President Monday. They will march up Pennsylvania avenue, led by the Marine Band.

### ALLIES DRIVE ON IN FIERCE STORM; NEAR 400 CAPTIVES



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### U.S. CITIZENS IN PETROGRAD KILLED

American Consul. Poole at Moscow is not under arrest, the Norwegian foreign office informed the State Department today.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 21.—Subjects of the allied countries and citizens of the United States, particularly the latter, have been slaughtered in Petrograd, travelers reaching here today declared.

The massacres, it was stated, followed a German inspired meeting in which resolutions were adopted urging war on the allies, arrest of allied subjects, and confiscation of their property. The resolutions also demanded an alliance with Germany, for the purpose of sending troops to the Murman coast, where allied troops are operating.

**Eat Rats and Mice.**  
The abuse of Americans has been going on since last Saturday.

Murders among the Russians are increasing, and so desperate has become the food situation that many persons are subsisting on rats and mice.

A previous cablegram said that the United States minister to Roumania, Mr. Vopicka, had been arrested by the Bolsheviks.

### TRIED TO BRIBE U.S. WORKER, IS CHARGE

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 21.—Samuel L. Sneiron, of the firm of Sneiron Brothers, dealers in burlap bags, of East Cambridge, Mass., is in jail here today in default of \$5,000 bail for a hearing next Friday before the United States Commissioner on the charge of attempting to bribe a Government employee.

Loyal S. Fox, Federal inspector of stores at the ordnance depot at Perryville, Md., is the employee whose alleged bribery was attempted.

It is alleged that Sneiron approached Fox for the purpose of inducing the latter to suppress competing and higher bids than Sneiron's for jute bags sold at the depot by the Government.

### SERBIANS ADVANCE TEN MILES IN A DAY

LONDON, Sept. 21 (1:53 p. m.).—Serbian troops on the offensive in the Balkans advanced over ten miles in one day and have captured the village of Godiyak, according to the following official report issued by the Serbian war office today:

"Our advance in one day was over ten miles. Our army has passed the line of Krivevo, Stragova, Dragoevo and Polochko. Godiyak has been taken.

"Aviators are firing upon the retreating Bulgarians with machine

### BENAY FALLS AS FRENCH ADVANCE

PARIS, Sept. 21.—French troops have captured Benay (five miles directly south of St. Quentin), and repulsed a counter attack at Castres (two and a half miles southeast of St. Quentin), the war office announced today.

"Last night our troops captured Benay and progressed north of that place," the communique said.

"We repulsed a counter attack against Castres."

### ALLIES LAUNCHING GREATEST BLOW

The allies are striking simultaneously on four fronts—the greatest concerted effort since the beginning of the war.

Every one of the enemy powers, and even the Russian Bolsheviks, are being kept busy by this demonstration of allied unity.

The British, French, and Americans still retain the initiative on the west front: Serbians, British, French, Italians, and Greeks are on the offensive in Macedonia; British and French are making great gains in Palestine, while the British, Japanese, Americans, Czechoslovaks, and anti-Bolshevik Russians are waging a successful warfare against the Bolsheviks in various parts of Russia.

Opposed to these allied forces are the Germans and a few Austrians on the west front; Bulgarians and Austrians in the Balkans; German-led Turks in Palestine and German-led Bolsheviks in Russia.

In the Balkans, the allied offensive front has been extended to about seventy miles and threatens to embroil the whole line from the Aegean to the Adriatic.

### ON FIFTY-MILE FRONT

The new Anglo-French offensive in Palestine involves a fighting front of nearly fifty miles, extending from the Jordan river to the Mediterranean. The greatest gains have been made along the sea coast.

New allied successes are reported in Russia, particularly in the north-eastern area, where the Bolsheviks have been defeated along the Dvina river and near the Finnish border.

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